MSME units

†3142. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of micro, small and medium enterprises units in the country, sector-wise;

(b) the total workers employed in these industries;

(c) the labour laws being implemented in this sector; and

(d) the plan of Government to make goods produced by these industries of international standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The estimated number of micro and small enterprises and employment in the micro and small enterprise (MSEs) sector during 2006-07 (latest available) is given in the Table below:—

	Sector	No. of MSEs (lakh numbers)	Employment (lakh persons)
1.	Micro enterprises	72.08	202.15
2.	Small enterprises	56.35	110.37
	TOTAL:	128.43	312.52

Since the medium enterprises were for the first time defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Act, 2006 which came into force from 2nd October, 2006, information in respect of number and employment in medium enterprise is not available.

(c) No specific labour laws have been devised for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The general labour laws applicable to industries are also applicable to MSMEs.

(d) To facilitate the promotion and development of MSEs and enhance their competitiveness in domestic and global market, the Government announced a 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' on 10th August, 2005 which envisages public sector banks to fix their own targets for funding SMEs in order to achieve a minimum 20 per cent year-on-year growth in credit to the SME sector. The Government has also announced in February, 2007 a 'Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises' with an objective to provide support in areas of credit, technology upgradation, marketing, infrastructure etc. Further, the Government has enacted the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006.

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The Government is also implementing various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial/skill development, etc., for assisting the MSE sector in meeting the challenges. Some of the major schemes/programmes being implemented are Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.

Share of small and cottage industries in GDP

†3143. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of share of small and cottage industries in Gross Domestic Product of the country; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to promote small and cottage industries in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The contribution of micro, small and cottage enterprises in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during 2006-07 (latest available) was estimated to be 6.97 per cent.

(b) To facilitate the promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector (incorporating the erstwhile small and cottage industries), the Government has announced in February, 2007 a 'Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises' with an objective to provide support in areas of credit, technology upgradation, marketing, infrastructure etc. Further, the Government has enacted the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 for the promotion and development of the MSMEs and to enhance their competitiveness.

The Government is also implementing various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial/skill development, etc., for assisting the MSE sector. Some of the major schemes/programmes being implemented are Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.

The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) targets promotion of cottage industries by providing margin money assistance through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on loans from any public sector scheduled commercial bank. In addition,

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